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Applicant(s): Laurent Benbadis et al.
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Docket No.: 033339/206076
Customer No.: 00826

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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

1. This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of 1 months to respond to the Office Action dated April 22, 2003.
2. Applicant is a small entity; other than a small entity.
3. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(a)(5)):

Total Months <u>Requested</u>	Fee For Other Than Small Entity	Fee for Small Entity
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> one month	\$110.00	\$55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$410.00	\$205.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$930.00	\$465.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,450.00	\$725.00
<input type="checkbox"/> five months*	\$1,970.00	\$985.00

*Cannot be used to exceed six-month statutory limit for response to an Official Action.

A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed.
 Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for the extension fee.
 Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for any fee deficiency.

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